

Accordingly, the claims now remaining in this application are claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-16 and favorable action on these claims are requested.

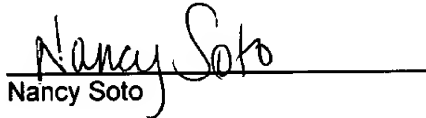
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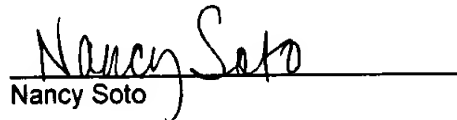
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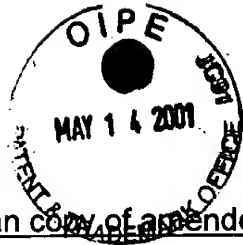
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1. An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article comprising:

- (a) an absorbent body having a front waist portion, a back waist portion, a crotch portion and a pair of spaced apart leg openings;
- (b) an absorbent core member having a top portion and a bottom portion;
- (c) means for fastening said absorbent body to the body of a wearer; and
- (d) at least one elasticized barrier layer said barrier layer having an edge secured to said absorbent body and another edge overlying at least a segment of said top portion of said absorbent core member, thereby forming a retaining enclosure between said barrier layer and said segment of the top portion of said absorbent core member.

2. An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article as in claim 1 comprising an elasticized barrier having barrier segments, each of said segments being secured to said absorbent body to form a retaining enclosure between each of said barrier segments and a portion of said absorbent core.

3. An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article comprising:

- (a) an absorbent body having a front waist portion, a back waist portion, a crotch portion and a pair of spaced apart leg openings;
- (b) an absorbent core member having a liquid pervious top layer facing the body of the wearer, a liquid impervious back layer substantially coextensive with said liquid pervious layer, and a liquid absorbent layer disposed between said top layer and said back layer;
- (c) means for fastening said absorbent body to the body of a wearer, and

- (d) an elasticized barrier layer overlying said absorbent core member wherein said elasticized barrier layer comprises barrier segments, each segment being secured to said absorbent body to form a retaining enclosure between each said segment and a portion of said absorbent core member.

4. An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article as in claim 3 comprising an elasticized barrier layer having barrier segments, each of said segments being secured to said absorbent body to form a retaining enclosure between each of said barrier segments and portion of said absorbent core member.